New formula for annual plans

*155. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the new formula for Annual Plans adopted by the Planning Commission by first making the resource evaluation and then making sectoral allocations, worked well;

(b) if so, the advantages and disadvantages of this method;

(c) whether it is also a fact that this will continue for the next plans; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) The procedure for finalising the Annual Plan of States adopted by the Planning Commission since 1993-94 takes into account the available resources for deciding the sectoral/sub-sectoral outlays as against the earlier Plans in which sectoral/sub-sectoral outlays were projected depending on requirements and this procedure has helped the States in priopritisation of their plan schemes and making plans more realistic. The present procedure is proposed to be continued for the next plan as well.

Indian export and world trade

*156. SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the export-import and trade deficit for the last three years; and

(b) the Indian exports as a percentage of the world trade during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Statistics on exports, imports and trade deficit during the last three years are as under:

Year	Exports	Imports	Trade deficit
1993-94	22237	23306	1069
1994-95	26330	28654	2324
April-January			
1995-96	25488	29544	4056
1994-95	20871	22708	1837
	Rs. Crores		
1995-96	69751	73101	3350
1994-95	82674	89971	7297
April-January			
1993-94	84197	97597	13400
1994-95	65483	71248	5765

(b) Available information on India's share (%) in world trade is as follows:

Year	Exports	Imports	Total Trade
1991	0.50	0.56	0.53
1992	0.55	0.60	0.57
1993	0.58	0.60	0.59

Economic exploitation of child labour

*157. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answers to Starred Question 10 and Unstarred Question 1377 given in the Rajya Sabha on 27th November and 11th December, 1995, respectively and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a reported statement of Canadian Prime Minister recently cautioning Government against economic exploitation of child labour; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI G. VENKATSWAMY): (a) and (b) The Canadian Prime Minister referred to the tragedy of child labour and the economic exploitation of children